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The NC State Board of Education (SBE), at its May meeting, discussed the new Program Enhancement Teacher Allotment and implementation of House Bill 90 “Changes to Education and Election Laws” ([Session Law 2018-2](#)). This Item will be presented as an Action Item at the June 6-7 SBE Meeting in time for the July 2018 allocation from the NC Department of Public Instruction (DPI). Alexis Schauss, DPI Director of the School Business Division, explained the new Allotment, the effect of HB 90, and how SBE/DPI intends to implement it.

There are 3 portions of the proposed new Allotment Formula: 1) funding for the K-5 Program Enhancement allotment; 2) modification to the individual class and average class size caps; and 3) exceptions to the class size caps. The new allotment ratio of 1 teacher to 191 Average Daily Membership (ADM) in K-5 is based on data given to the General Assembly in 2017. The new allocations for K-5 “Program Enhancement Teachers” as set forth in HB 90 will be phased in over a 4-year period. DPI has estimated projections for each LEA for Fiscal Year 2018-19 (at 25% of the 4-year phase in) and for Full Funding for Fiscal Year 2021-22. At full funding, 3,785 “Program Enhancement Teachers” will be funded through the new allotment; therefore 953.5 such teachers, given the 25% of the 4-year phase in Year 1, are set to be funded through the new allotment in 2018-19. This Action Item for the June SBE Meeting also contains a formal change to the SBE’s Policy Manual.

Additionally, DPI’s Legislative division offered its summary of the series of Education Committees of the General Assembly and the various recommendations for new education legislation in the current 2018 Short Session.

Finally, for the June 6-7 SBE Meeting, please look for an Action Item to stay tuned for the SBE’s approval of the new Program Enhancement Allotment. You can listen in [here](#) if you wish to follow the live audio-streamed discussion.